

Village of Canal Winchester 36 South High Street Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110-1213

Village Council Monday, April 21, 2008 7:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order: Mr. Deeds called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Mershon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

John Bender

Rick Deeds

Bruce Jarvis

Bobbie Mershon

Victor Paini

Marilyn Rush-Ekelberry

Leah Turner

Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Mershon moved to approve the minutes from the April 7th, 2008 meeting. Dr. Bender seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Communications & Petitions:

A letter from the Ohio Public Works Commission was received. It was notifying the Village that the Grant/Loan for the Thrush Drive Reconstruction Project – Phase 2 has been approved.

A Proclamation was made by Mayor Ebert declaring April 30, 2008 as Arbor Day in the Village of Canal Winchester. It urges Village residents to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Mr. Deeds received a letter right before Council requesting a temporary 3-way stop at the intersection of Washington and Waterloo because of the Columbus Street Reconstruction. Mr. Deeds will send this information to Safety Committee for consideration.

Mr. Peoples stated that they have been monitoring the traffic there and they will discuss it at

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Safety Committee.

Mr. Deeds was concerned that the next Safety Committee meeting, on May 12th, was too long to wait. Mr. Peoples stated that he would have Steve Farst of EMH&T look into the situation and possible solutions and then bring a recommendation to the Safety Committee. This will ensure a timely response once Safety Committee meets.

Village Residents Comments:

Five-minute limit per person

No speakers tonight.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST Reading:

Sponsor: Dr. Bender

O-04-08F AN ORDINANCE TO NAME 48.14 ACRES OF PARK LAND LOCATED AT THE

SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF DIETZ ROAD AND

WASHINGTON STREET AS THE JAMES H KELLEY III PARK.

Dr. Bender read the ordinance. First reading only.

Sponsor: Mrs. Turner

O-04-08G AN ORDINANCE TO NAME 4.834 ACRES OF PARK LAND LOCATED ON

HOWE PARKWAY THE HOWE POND PARK

Mrs. Turner read the ordinance. First reading only.

Sponsor:

Mrs. Turner

O-04-08H

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A

CONTRACT WITH JD EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2008

JOHN DEERE 1600 TURBO SERIES II MOWER

Currently, we have two mowers that each cut a 5 foot path. This new mower would cut an 11 foot path. The other two mowers would still be used. The addition of this third mower would cut down considerably on the time invested in mowing within the Village.

Mrs. Turner read the ordinance and moved to waive the second and third readings since the mowing season is beginning. Mrs. Mershon seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Mrs. Turner moved to adopt Ordinance 24-08. Mr. Jarvis seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

SECOND Reading:

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon

O-04-08C AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 157.12 OF THE CODIFIED

ORDINANCES WITH REGARDS TO THE APPEAL OF A LANDMARKS

COMMISSION DECISION

Mrs. Mershon read the ordinance. Second Reading only.

Sponsor: Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry

O-04-08D AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 99-05 TO CHANGE THE JOB

DESCRIPTION OF THE "BUILDING INSPECTOR" TO "BUILDING OFFICIAL"

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry read the ordinance. Second reading only.

Sponsor: Mrs. Mershon

O-04-08E AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE VILLAGE EMPLOYEE SALARY

RANGES FOR 2008 FOR THE SWIMMING POOL

Mrs. Mershon read the ordinance. Second reading only.

RESOLUTIONS

SECOND Reading

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis

R-04-08A A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX

INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL FOR THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY ENTERPRISE

ZONE AREAS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER

Mr. Jarvis read the resolution. Second reading only.

Sponsor: Mr. Jarvis

R-04-08C A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE

FAIRFIELD TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL AND THE FRANKLIN TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER

Mr. Jarvis read the resolution. Second reading only.

Mayor's Report:

Dr Bender moved to accept the Mayor's Court Report for March 2008. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE: AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Mayor Ebert attended a board meeting for MORPC and there was much discussion about HB 521, which would eliminate some governments within the State of Ohio. That could affect our Village, townships, schools, fire and police departments. A committee will review this over the next two years and then it goes to the Governor in 2010. Then a vote will be taken based on the recommendations of the committee. Mayor Ebert suggests that Council members keep an eye on this legislation in the coming months.

Public Works Director:

There will be an exercise to test the Village's Disaster Plan on April 29th. We are working together with the Madison Township Fire Dept., the Village of Groveport and the Sheriff's Dept.

The Columbus Street project is ongoing and, at this time, is a couple of weeks ahead of schedule.

The 2008 Street program is in the contract phase.

The Meijer project is finishing up and getting ready for their April 30th opening.

Bowen Road is having a storm sewer issue and it's being looked into.

The parks mowing started this week and the roadside mowing will start next week.

The Spring street tree planting is 50% complete.

The hanging baskets are being potted next Friday at the Street garage.

The fire hydrant flushing is complete. Some repairs and replacements were needed.

There was a large water main break on Liberty Street on last Wednesday. The bolts at the top of a valve that was installed in 2000 rusted off. We will start taking a closer look at the valves that were installed in that same time frame, checking and/or replacing the bolts. This will be a major road repair that was not anticipated.

Mr. Jarvis asked if we had any recourse for a late defect in workmanship.

Mr. Peoples stated that we did not. At the time, the option was galvanized trim bolts. We have since changed our specifications to require stainless steel trim bolts.

Development Director:

Mr. Strayer reiterated that the Meijer is getting ready to open on April 30th.

The CWICC is going to meet this Thursday.

The Denny property has sold and the new owner has submitted building permit applications.

Mr. Jarvis asked what the plans are for the property.

Mr. Strayer stated that he is going to rebuild it as is with storefront and apartments above.

Community Affairs Director:

Ms. Hoover stated the pool will be opening on May 27^{th} and memberships will be for sale starting May 24^{th} .

The Relay for Life fundraiser at Shades is set for Thursday, May 15th from 6pm – 9pm. Volunteers are asked to be there at 5:30pm for instructions.

May 16th will be the first music and Art in the Park. It will be a Viva Las Vegas theme with an Elvis impersonator from 6-7pm and from 7-9 a Frank Sinatra tribute singer. There will also be a roving magician and possibly a caricature artist. The Canal Winchester Art Guild will have an art display and there will be painting for the children.

Mrs. Mershon asked if tickets are being sold for the Shades fundraiser.

Ms. Hoover stated that no tickets will be sold. There will be a set menu of a house salad, rolls, choice of two pasta dishes, choice of two desserts and drinks.

Mrs. Mershon noted that the press should be notified. Ms. Hoover said she will have a press release ready shortly.

Mr. Paini asked if there will be nametags or shirts. Ms. Hoover stated that the manager of Shades will be providing aprons.

Mr. Deeds suggested that nametags also be available.

Mrs. Turner went back to ask Mr. Strayer if the Marathon station was going to be torn down. Mr. Strayer advised that it will, however the final timing is unknown.

Village Solicitor:

HB 154 was voted out of Committee to the full house with the recommendation that it be approve. Mr. Hollins stated that the thought is that the bill may make it out of the House of Representatives, but it will have a harder time in the Senate.

The Judge in the bond matter did set a hearing on May 9th to determine if it is a frivolous lawsuit.

Fairfield County Sheriff:

Dep. Dixon read the report.

Finance Director:

Ms. Osborn stated that the \$25,000 grant request for the Interurban project was submitted today to Heritage Ohio.

Mr. Jarvis and other Council members thanked Ms. Osborn, staff and the Mayor for their work on this.

Council Reports:

Old Town Committee

Monday, May 12, 2008 at 5:45 PM

Mr. Jarvis stated that the title work and closing on the 11 feet of the Interurban is scheduled for this week.

Mr. Jarvis also wanted to submit for Council the recommendation to name the alley that runs north and south from Columbus Street to Towing Path, "Dixon Alley". This is based on a map in which the area the alley runs through used to be called "Dixon's First Edition".

Mr. Jarvis moved to adopt Dixon alley as the name of the alley. Mrs. Rush Ekel-berry seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Monday, May 5, 2008 at 5:45 PM

Service Committee

Monday, May 19, 2008 at 5:45 PM

Safety Committee

Monday, May 12, 2008 at 5:00 PM

Mrs. Mershon stated that they had discussed applying for a Nature Works grant to buy the Boekoff property and making it a passive park.

Committee of the Whole

Monday, June 30, 2008 at 6:30 PM

This meeting date and time will be re-assessed closer to the date to see if it works for everyone. Mr. Deeds requested the bullet-points from the staff session as an agenda item for this meeting. Mrs. Mershon submitted the need for a retreat for Council to address long-range planning.

Mr. Jarvis agreed that it is a good idea and suggested that it be facilitated in some manner as to keep the retreat on track.

Mr. Jarvis asked if this would be done within the context of the Community Plan and, if so, how would that be done?

Mr. Deeds suggested that it be to capture Council's thoughts.

Mrs. Mershon stated that it needs to be on a Saturday to really take the time to address all the issues.

Mayor Ebert suggested that the president of the Recreation Board present at the meeting.

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry asked if there would be an agenda prepared.

Mrs. Mershon stated that there must be one.

Mr. Jarvis submitted that Service Committee could prepare the Agenda. Mrs. Mershon believes that Ms. Osborn should prepare it.

Mr. Jarvis believes that a lower level committee could at least put some parameters on the issues.

Ms. Osborn offered to show everyone the agenda from the Staff Retreat, to generate ideas. She will then send an Email to Committee chairs and have them add their concerns and issues. That should get things started.

Mr. Deeds suggested that this retreat take the place of the Committee of the Whole meeting for this quarter.

New Business:

Mrs. Turner has had calls about the goats in Ashbrook. Mr. Paini stated that the homeowners have been notified by the Ashbrook Homeowners Association and given a date by which they need to be out.

Mayor Ebert asked if houses are allowed to have rabbit hutches.

Ms. Osborn stated that there is a specific list of animals that are allowed. Rabbits are not specifically dealt with in the code.

Mr. Deeds stated that it may be more of the structure that comes into question, than the rabbits.

Old Business:

Mr. Deeds asked about the burnt out house on Dietz.

Mr. Hollins stated that the bank has a buyer for that house, though it seems to be moving slowly.

Mr. Deeds asked if there was interest in starting the Technology Committee again.

Mr. Jarvis said that he needed to meet with Rick Brown, the Village IT person and he will send out some Emails to set that up.

Mr. Hollins added that North Olmstead has updated their peddlers and solicitors legislation to include a "Do Not Knock" list. This may be a better way to deal with people not wanting solicitors. The list can be handed to the group. Mr. Hollins will get more information and bring it to Council.

Adjourn to Executive Session:

Not needed at this time.

Adjournment:

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn. Mr. Paini seconded the motion.

VOTE:

AYES Dr. Bender, Mr. Deeds, Mr. Jarvis, Ms. Mershon, Mr. Paini,

Ms. Rush-Ekelberry, Ms. Turner

NAYS

Motion carried.

Time out: 7:55pm

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Mayor

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